

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. J. E. SULLIVAN

FROM : MR. J. A. BRANIGAN *JB*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF A PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 22, 1963

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. J. E. Mohr
1 - Mr. [redacted]
DATE: 2-24-67
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Branigan
1 - Mr. Lonihan

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By teletype 2-25-67 the New Orleans Office reported information from [redacted] who is part owner of an [redacted] in New Orleans and is also part owner of [redacted]. [redacted] is under consideration for development as a potential Criminal Informant of the New Orleans Office. There has been insufficient contact with [redacted] to evaluate or determine his reliability.

On [redacted] reported that he had been contacted by Willard Robertson, a Volkswagen distributor in New Orleans, who is a multimillionaire and close friend and social backer of Garrison. Thereafter, according to [redacted] with Robertson and Garrison in a conference.

According to [redacted] Garrison feels the FBI is scrutinizing his every move and possibly has sources within his own ranks. [redacted] stated Garrison felt David Ferrie and his "mitty" associates were involved in a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. [redacted] added Garrison expressed concern about continuation of his investigation by other investigative agencies, namely, the FBI. [redacted] quoted Garrison as saying he would arrest and handcuff any agent he caught becoming involved in his investigation and would submit him to public scrutiny. [redacted] said that Garrison stated "If they want my files that badly, they can buy them."

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On [redacted] contacted this Bureau and reported [redacted] had met with Garrison that day at which time Garrison stated [redacted] feels the FBI is monitoring his switchboard. [redacted] informed this Bureau that [redacted] has the impression that if things go badly with Garrison's investigation, he might be looking for a "escape route," possibly the FBI.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CULLEN

RE: ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Garrison's allegations that FBI is monitoring his switchboard are completely false.

By teletype 2-24-67 New Orleans advised Garrison told press under no circumstances will he turn over evidence he has gathered to other agencies, particularly agencies of the Federal Government which he claims have withheld and continue to withhold material which should have been turned over to law enforcement agencies having proper legal jurisdiction. Garrison also quoted in paper as saying "The Federal Government has as much jurisdiction over a murder conspiracy in New Orleans as has the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

ACTION:

Attached is a letter to the Acting Attorney General, with copies to the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Fred H. Vinson, Jr., and Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley, setting forth data above.

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